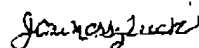


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REMARKS

This supplemental amendment is being made in response to a telephone interview with Examiner Jane J. Zara on August 18, 2003. Claims 1-10, 12-15 and 21 are pending in the instant application. Claims 2 and 14 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to change the term compound to oligonucleotide, as requested by the Examiner, and the dependent claims amended accordingly. The amendments to the claims are based on teachings throughout the specification as filed. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and subsequent allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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